

I am writing to urge the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160 which is yet another attempt by the NAB to limit competition via regulation, instead of by competing in the marketplace. I became a subscriber to XM Radio early this year for the express reason that it gives me access to program content that is not available from any of the the top 40 oriented local broadcasters owned by members of the NAB. It is for the same reason that I support my local PBS member station, so that I can choose programming content I want to receive, and am willing to pay for. We recently made a three week road trip covering about 6000 miles, and during that trip I found XM's local weather and traffic service extremely valuable in traveling through cities where I did not know the local radio stations. When in Saint Loius, for example, I received Saint Loius traffic information immediately thus avoiding serious congestion and delays, withought spending a half hour searching the local airwaves for information I needed at that moment! This is truly a valuable service that XM and Sirius should be allowed to continue offering, as long as subscribers like myself are willing to pay for the service. The NAB's petition should be rejected by the FCC. Thank you.